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FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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TAGS: CDES, CPAS, AR (HOPPUS, EVELYN)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF EVELYN HOPPUS, PASSPORT MISSING

REF STATE 16943, BUENOS AIRES 524

1. THERE IS VERY LITTLE TO ADD TO BA 524. POLICE SOURCES, HOWEVER, HAVE TENTATIVELY INDICATED THAT THE BODY WILL BE RELEASED ON MONDAY.
2. THE DEPARTMENT IS QUITE CORRECT IN INDICATING TO FAMILY THAT EMBASSY IS NOT IN POSITION TO REQUEST RELEASE OF REMAINS. THE BODY WILL BE RELEASED WHEN THE PRESIDING JUDGE IS READY TO RELEASE IT. THE AUTHORITIES ARE QUITE WITHIN THEIR RIGHTS UNDER ARGENTINE LAW AND PROCEDURES TO KEEP THE REMAINS IN POLICE MORGUE UNTIL INVESTIGATION HAS PROCEEDED TO A POINT AT WHICH JUDGE FEELS BODY NO LONGER NEEDED.
3. AS LONG AS A DOUBT EXISTS AS TO WHAT PRECIPITATED THE BLOW ON THE HEAD WHICH KILLED MRS HOPPUS, POLICE WILL PROCEED SLOWLY AND DELIBERATELY IN ORDER TO MAKE AS THOROUGH AN INVESTIGATION AS POSSIBLE.
4. BROTHER OF DECEASED, JOSE ZAFRA, HAS BEEN IN TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH EMBASSY CONTINUOUSLY SINCE FRIDAY MORNING, JAN 17. ZAFRA AND THEREFORE PRESUMABLY HUSBAND, LYLE, HAS EMBASSY TELEPHONE NUMBER AND NEED ONLY RING US UP AGAIN OR COME TO EMBASSY TO SEEK HELP. SO FAR AS RECORDS DISCLOSE, LYLE HOPPUS

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HAS NOT PUT HIMSELF IN CONTACT WITH EMBASSY.

5. AS BROTHER AND SISTER IN LAW OF DECEASED AND NOW HUSBAND ARE IN BUENOS AIRES, EMBASSY SAW NO NEED TO ACTIVELY INTERVENE IN ARRANGING DETAILS. NEVERTHELESS MR ZAFRA WAS TOLD AT THE TIME OF INITIAL TELEPHONE CONTACT THAT IF THERE WAS ANYTHING EMBASSY COULD DO THEY NEED ONLY CALL.

6. ASIDE FROM HANDLING ROUTINE PAPERWORK, EMBASSY FEELS THAT THERE IS VERY LITTLE IT CAN AND SHOULD DO IN THIS MATTER.
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